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NHDOT/DRED TO RELEASE DRAFT OF STATE TRAILS PLAN

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) will present a draft of the State Trails Plan at a public meeting at the NHDOT headquarters in Concord on Wednesday, July 28, 2004. The public session at 7 Hazen Drive will begin at 6:30 PM.

A total of five public meetings were held across New Hampshire in May to present information and receive input on the development of a State Trails Plan.

Over the past seven months, Rizzo Associates (under a contract with NHDOT) and a team of representatives from NHDOT, DRED, Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs), Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Board (BPTAB), Granite State Wheelmen Inc., Statewide Trails Advisory Committee, and Granite State ATV Association etc., have been working to develop a joint NHDOT/DRED State Trails Plan by inventorying and mapping all bicycle/pedestrian projects and developed/undeveloped rail corridors; developing a statewide short range and long range plan for the integration of recreational/transportation trails with rail corridors and other bicycle/pedestrian facilities; developing design guidance for bicycle/pedestrian and recreational trail improvements; and developing guidelines with regard to funding, developing and maintaining transportation and recreational trails.

The draft report will be available on the project website on July 28, 2004. Anyone wishing to comment on the draft report will be able to submit corrections and/or suggestions by August 9, 2004. The final report is expected to be produced in September 2004.

For more information, visit the project website:

http://www.rizzo.com/nh_state_trails_plan.htm